

Tour 1 - Pythian Home to Old Millsap Cutoff.

- North on Old Bankhead Hwy. to 180.
- 180 west to Courthouse Square.
- West on Palo Pinto (180) to SR 312, then right on W. Bankhead Hwy.
- Cross over 180, continue west on W. Bankhead Hwy.
- At intersection with 180, continue west on Old Millsap Hwy., or return to Weatherford via US 180..

Old Millsap Hwy.
(Bankhead Hwy.)

US 180
to Mineral Wells

8.3

7.9

Longhorn cattle at 5.9mi.



Note 1920s concrete bridges along the Bankhead route.

to I-20

US 180

Ric Williamson Mem. Hwy.

4.8



to I-20

4.1

West Bankhead Highway

SR 312

3.7

3.5

Parker County Courthouse



Quick Service Garage (c. 1920s)



Palo Pinto St. (180)

Main St.

2.6

Santa Fe



Chamber of Commerce
(old T&P Ry. depot)

2.3



This grader probably helped build the Bankhead.

1.4

US 180

to I-20

East Bankhead Hwy.

(Ft. Worth St.)



Vintage Car Museum

Start of drive. Reset trip odometer to 0.0 mi.



1911

Pythian Home



to Mineral Wells

Palo Pinto Co. 19.3



Remains of a service station at the top of Millsap Hill.

This scenic road through ranchland calls to mind what travel in the early Bankhead days must have been like.



Bankhead home in Millsap.



Two of Sen. Bankhead's 1st cousins settled in Millsap in the 1880s. Descendants welcomed the Bankhead Hwy. 40 years later. One became mayor of Weatherford!



Several 1920s concrete bridges along the route.

Scenic ranchland... cutting horse capital of the world!



Now a home, you can still recognize Midway Store at Robinson Road.

Tour 2 - Old Millsap Road to Mineral Wells.

- West Bankhead Hwy. to 180 (becomes Old Millsap Rd.).
- Cross 180, continue on Old Millsap Rd. to Millsap.
- West on SR 3028 to Millsap Hill.

See map on the right to continue into Mineral Wells.

Mileage from the Pythian Home.

Old Millsap Road

8.3

US 180

9.6

to Mineral Wells

W. Bankhead Highway from Weatherford

18.6

16.2

19.3

to I-20

FM 113

FM 113

to US 180

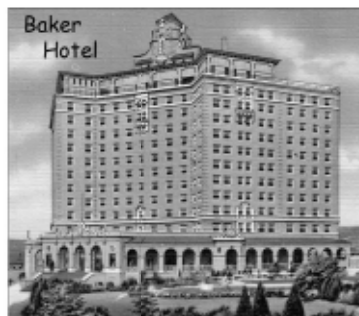
SR 3028

to Mineral Wells

19.3

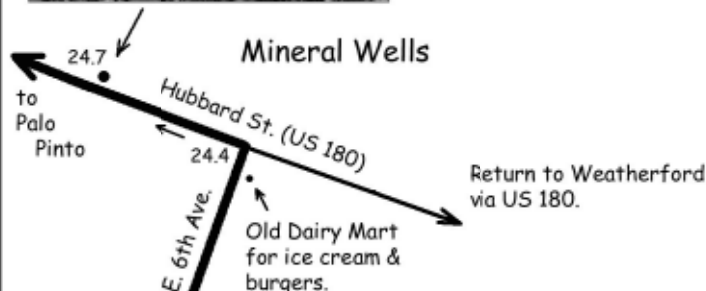
to Mineral Wells

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Tour 2 - Continued ...

- Follow Old Millsap Rd. to Hubbard, or ...
- Follow zig-zag of named streets to S.E. 6th Ave. and Hubbard.



Return to Weatherford via US 180.

Mineral Wells

Hubbard St. (US 180)

to Palo Pinto

24.7

24.4

S.E. 6th Ave.

Old Dairy Mart for ice cream & burgers.

S.E. 12th

11th

S.E. 16th

23.4

S.E. 14th Ave.

22.2

Sartain Rd.

Swanson Rd.

Old Millsap Rd. (Texas Hwy 1)

20.7

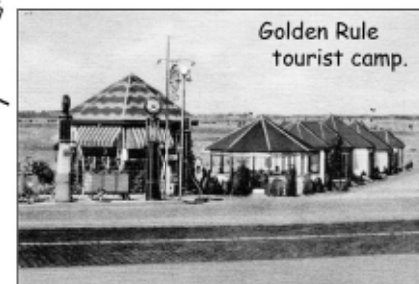
E. Sturdivant Rd.

FM 1195

19.3

old road

from Millsap



Golden Rule tourist camp.

This section of Texas Hwy 1, built in the mid-1920s, was a direct route from Mineral Wells toward Millsap.

Earlier, the Bankhead in 1921 followed the zig-zag of local roads.

Along the early Bankhead... Notice a service station or two and other features along the old Bankhead route which hint at this being the "main road" at one time.

Old road on Millsap Hill, looking east.



Continued on
map right.

41.2

Hwy 180

40.6



Eagle Creek bridge on Texas 1
seen from 180.

Jailhouse Museum

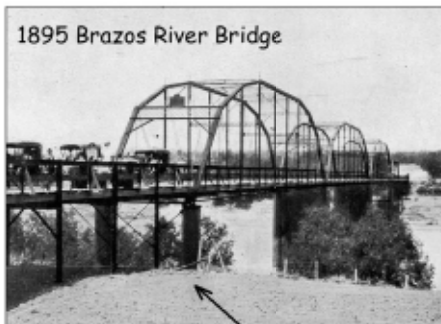


Oak St. was the Bankhead.



Notice abandoned segments
of the Texas 1/Bankhead on
either side of today's Hwy 180.
All are on private property now.

1895 Brazos River Bridge



Remains of the approach road
and old bridge piers are just
south of today's bridge.

Viet Nam era
helicopter base.



* Look back at good
view of the Bankhead,
now a ranch road.



31.9

34.8

35.9

37.1

Palo Pinto

W. Bankhead
Rd.

Brazos R.

Old river
road

28.1

Hwy 180

Mineral
Wells

6th Ave.

Weatherford

to Millsap

Tour 3 - To Strawn (continued).

- West on US 180 to SR 16
(Metcalf Gap).
- South on SR 16 to Strawn.
- Return to Weatherford on
I-20.

Take a break at the
new TxDOT safety/
rest area on the hill.
Bankhead era history
is on display.

to
Weatherford

I-20

61.4

Thurber
Hill



Strawn

Strawn celebrated
when their streets
were paved in 1928
with Thurber bricks.

57.8

Strawn

56.7

FM 207



ZIM's has been a bit of everything
over the years, including a tourist
camp and Dr. Pepper bottler.

Texas 1, the
Bankhead, was
built in the
mid-1920s.

Dodson Prairie: The route of
the earliest Bankhead Highway
crossed this pretty landscape
on dirt roads that are lost today.
Only a few landmarks dot the
prairie, but this church is one.
It predates the Bankhead by
a dozen years.



SR 16



Explore this scenic
Bankhead alternate
route, to Abilene.

180
(Texas Hwy. 1A)

Church
house
road.

A gas station, bus stop,
and store in its heyday.



Cantey Station

41.2

from Palo Pinto

US 180
(Texas Hwy. 1)

44.8

45.7

Tour 3 - Mineral Wells to Strawn.

- Old Millsap Rd. to S.E. 6th Ave.
- Left (west) on Hubbard (180).
- Oak St. through Palo Pinto.
- Continue west on US 180 to
Metcalf Gap (SR 16).

Mileage is from Pythian Home
in Weatherford.